

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An Extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* containing a water extract obtained by ~~treating~~ mixing the root or stem of *Acanthopanax koreanum* with water and extracting said water extract, for treatment of hepatitis, or for protection of liver by inhibiting apoptosis of a liver cell.
2. (currently amended) The extract of claim 1, wherein the extract contains an ethanol insoluble part obtained by treating [the] said water extract with ethanol.
3. (previously presented) The extract of claim 2, wherein said ethanol insoluble part contains a fraction containing polysaccharide with a molecular weight larger than range of 12,000~14,000.
4. (previously presented) The extract of claim 2, wherein said ethanol insoluble part contains a fraction containing polysaccharide with a molecular weight larger than 100,000.
5. (previously presented) The extract of claim 2, wherein said extract contains said ethanol insoluble part of which a final concentration of ethanol used is in between 50 and 90%.

6. (previously presented) The extract of claim 2, wherein said extract contains said ethanol insoluble part of which a final concentration of ethanol used is 80%.

7. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition for hepatitis containing the extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* of any of claim 1 to claim 4.

8. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for protection of liver by inhibiting apoptosis containing the extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* of any of claim 1 to claim 4.

9. (previously presented) A TNF- α inhibitor containing the extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* of any of claim 1 to claim 4.

10. (previously presented) A Health supplementary food containing the extract of *Acanthopanax koreanum* of any of claim 1 to claim 4.